



## IS INVERGORDON DOOMED?

### COMBINED HEAT & POWER .....RAISES THE ANTE

If the razzmatazz generated by ICARE and its disciples, as well as by the Invergordon Community Councillors along with the elected Highland Council members, SNP Maxine Smith and Scottish Lib Member Martin Rattray, (lets not forget Rab Gibson MSP) over the proposed building of a Waste to Energy Combined Heat and Power Plant at the Cromarty Firth Industrial Park, Invergordon, is anything to go by, then readers can be assured that the Exodus from the 'Doomed Toon' of Invergordon will only be surpassed by that of the Israelites when they fled Egypt. And then they wandered in the wilderness for some 40 years.....about the life of the WtEChAPP plant.

Personally I doubt very much if the potential desert wanderers from Invergordon will dine on unleavened bread as the Israelites did, nor will they sacrifice a lamb 'without blemish', but doubtless they will feel aggrieved.

Further south at Dovesdale Farm, near Larkhall, a protest group some ten times larger than ICARE lost their battle with Planning over the building of a waste incinerator. The decision to build the plant was upheld in the Court of Session in Edinburgh. Temporary Judge Morag Wise QC approved the development and it so appears that the 20,000 protesters will face a huge Legal Expenses Bill.

Gareth Jones, spokesman for Dovesdale Protest Group, said: this has been an expensive and intensive process, but we have to regroup and decide just how and where our protest will go from here.' **Some folk never learn.** Will they join ICARE on a protracted journey? Or will they accept the judgement and dig deep in their collective pocket to meet the Court costs and stay put?

### MAKE NO MISTAKE

The proposed development will be welcomed by the majority of ethnic Scots and Highland folk in general within the so called catchment area.

Readers of this **Extra** edition should refer to the full four pager published on the Web at <http://www.independent-highlander.co.uk> for a full resume of the shambolic petition by ICARE and endorsed by Highland Councillors Smith and Rattray, not forgetting (Rab Gibson MSP) and even worse, it was accepted by Highland Council Officials without first checking its authenticity.

Personally I am not convinced that this whole process of Planning delay is not politically contrived. What I am certain of however is that a large number of my 4,000 + monthly member readership will be in accord with my way of thinking, as it is difficult to fool all of the people all of the time, although one can fool some of the people some of the time. As with our Local Authority.

Lets not forget the time and money wasting exercise over the new sewerage works for Invergordon and district. It was obvious from the outset that the site at Roskeen was totally inadequate, yet it took a lengthy local public enquiry to dictate a re-direct, enabling the authorities to instigate a CPO elsewhere.

Now that the 'works' are in place and completely inoffensive, congratulations are a must to the owners Scottish Water, and also for the landscaping thereabout.

The cycle/walking path as yet not finished, is also a tribute to forward thinking and Planning Gain. Just as well the Local Community Council had little to do with it or all these walkers/cyclists to and from Invergordon and Alness would have to tread that dangerous road with its sometimes mad drivers.

# EXTRACT

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2011.

### PLANNING PERMISSION APPEAL: ERECTION OF WASTE TO ENERGY COMBINED HEAT AND POWER PLANT WITH ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT; CROMARTY FIRTH INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, INVERGORDON

**Notice is hereby given** that an Updated Environmental Statement has been submitted to Scottish Ministers by Combined Heat and Power (Highlands) Limited in relation to the re-determination of their planning permission appeal for the erection of a waste to energy combined heat and power plant at Cromarty Firth Industrial Park, Invergordon.

Members of the public can view the Updated Environmental Statement at the following locations for a period of 28 days from the date of this e-mail, during normal office hours.

1. Highland Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness, IV3 5NX

and

2. Invergordon Library, High Street, Invergordon, IV18 0DG

All documents submitted in relation to this appeal including the Updated Environmental Statement can be viewed on the DPEA website at [www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk) On entering the website, click on the “**Simple Search**” tab and enter the case reference number of **PPA-270-2017-1** and you will find all documents relating to the appeal.

Electronic or paper copies of the Updated Environmental Statement may also be obtained from Combined Heat and Power (Highlands) Ltd via TNEI by e-mailing [info@tnei.co.uk](mailto:info@tnei.co.uk) or by writing to the address below:

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The Non-Technical Summary is available free of charge. Copies of the complete Environmental Statement (including figures and appendices) may be purchased for £250 (paper copy) or on a CD-ROM from the same address for £5, including posting and packaging.

If you wish to make representations to Scottish Ministers about the Updated Environmental Statement you can do so by writing or e-mailing me at the above address details. Please include your postal address if submitting your representation by e-mail. All representations must be submitted to this office by no later than **24 February 2012**. Any representations submitted after this date may not be accepted.

All representations submitted by the appropriate date will be posted on the DPEA website.

Yours sincerely

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